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WINDFALL PROFIT BY PRIVATE OIL COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the private oil companies in the country are enjoying windfall profits due to high global crude prices;

(b) whether it is a fact that when the New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) was adopted for the private oil companies, the crude oil prices were much below the present global crude prices;

(c) if so, the detail thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to revise the NELP or to impose a cess on the windfall profits made by the private oil companies; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS(SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (e): Private Oil Companies are operating in a Production Sharing Contract (PSC) regime and under New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP),the terms and conditions are the same for National Oil Companies and private companies including foreign companies.So far,there is no significant crude oil production from NELP PSCs.